

Sims, Mark

From: Kyllonen, Maureen
Sent: Monday, May 05, 2014 9:44 AM
To: Sims, Mark
Cc: Salazar, Matt; Miller, Amy; Manion, Andrea
Subject: FW: FOIA EPA-R9-2014-005442 (Responsive Documents)-----Due Date: 05/07/14
Attachments: 114-BLP-07-16-2013.pdf; 114-BLP-2nd-01-08-2014.PDF; BLP NOV 03-03-2014.pdf; NOV BLP-SPV Wafra 04-07-2014.PDF

Hi Mark, Please send me a PDF letter what you are releasing?

Thank you,

Maureen Kyllonen
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Enforcement Division
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(415) 972-3314/FAX: (415) 947-3519

From: Manion, Andrea
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 4:35 PM
To: Kyllonen, Maureen
Subject: FW: FOIA EPA-R9-2014-005442 (Responsive Documents)

This one is due 5/7/14. Unfortunately I don't have time to be proactive so I am forwarding to you.

From: Sims, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 1:34 PM
To: Manion, Andrea
Cc: Salazar, Matt
Subject: FOIA EPA-R9-2014-005442 (Responsive Documents)

Andrea,

Attached are the documents responsive to this FOIA.

Mark
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From: Salazar, Matt
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2014 11:43 AM
To: Sims, Mark
Cc: Kyllonen, Maureen; Johnson, Ivry; Manion, Andrea
Subject: RE: FOIA Assignment for EPA-R9-2014-005442

Hi Mark,

Can you respond to this foia (I let Andrea know for enforcement, I believe we're the only office that has responsive documents)?

Thanks,
Matt

From: Manion, Andrea
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2014 11:31 AM
To: Salazar, Matt
Cc: Kyllonen, Maureen; Johnson, Ivry
Subject: FW: FOIA Assignment for EPA-R9-2014-005442

This FOIA request is assigned to your office and has a deadline of 5/7/14 but Amy would like you to find out if it is limited to air only. Please get back to me ASAP in case we need to send to all offices.

If you estimate that the cost will be more than \$25 (see attached FOIA guidelines) we'll need to contact the requester for an assurance of payment. If you need our help with that, or to request a deadline extension, please contact us as soon as possible. If you contact the requester directly, please notify us so we can update FOIA online. When you know what your response is to this FOIA, we can help you prepare the appropriate letter.

Thank you,

Andrea Manion
Financial Investigator
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Enforcement Division
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From: Miller, Amy
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2014 11:25 AM
To: Manion, Andrea; Kyllonen, Maureen
Subject: Fw: FOIA Assignment for EPA-R9-2014-005442

Go ahead and send this to air and ask them to find out if it is limited to air (make sure they get back to you quickly).

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Johnson, Ivry <Johnson.Ivry@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 9, 2014 11:04 AM
To: Kyllonen, Maureen; Manion, Andrea
Cc: Miller, Amy
Subject: FW: FOIA Assignment for EPA-R9-2014-005442

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From: foia@erulemaking.net [<mailto:foia@erulemaking.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2014 10:30 AM
To: Johnson, Ivry
Subject: FOIA Assignment for EPA-R9-2014-005442

You have been assigned to the FOIA request EPA-R9-2014-005442. Additional details for this request are as follows:

- Assigned By: Ivry Johnson
- Request Tracking Number: EPA-R9-2014-005442
- Due Date: 05/07/2014
- Requester: Merritt Perry
- Request Track: Simple
- Short Description: Documents related to the Blue Lake Power LLC biomass power plant in Blue Lake, CA that have been issued within the last year:
- Long Description: To whom it may concern,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to any of th following documents related to the Blue Lake Power LLC biomass power plant in Blue Lake, CA that have been issued within the last year:

- Any Official Notices from the EPA
- Notice of Violations Issued by the EPA
- Listing and Date of any Information Requests from the EPA to Blue Lake Power

An emailed electronic copy or attachments to this email would be the desired response. I am not looking for data related to these requests only the official notifications.

I attempted to submit this request on-line through the EPAs FOIA online website which was not working. Please let me know if I need to submit anything else ot complete this request.

Thank you,

Merritt Perry, PE
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Arcata, CA 95521
Merritt.perry@ghd.com
707-499-4416

Sims, Mark

From: Jeff Adkins <JAdkins@sierraresearch.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2014 5:00 PM
To: Sims, Mark
Cc: Grubenstein@SierraResearch.com; Jeff Adkins; Jane E. Luckhardt
(JLuckhardt@daycartermurphy.com)
Subject: BLP Applications and GHG Emissions
Attachments: removed.txt; EPA_20020827_Title_V_Renewal_File_Copy.pdf; NCUAQMD_20050623_Ultrapower3_Stipulated_Order.pdf; Ultrapower3_20060213_NCUAQMD_PSD_HRA_Modeling_Report.pdf; Blue_Lake_Power_20080604_ATC_PSD_App.pdf

Mark,

As discussed at the meeting today, attached are the 3 permit applications that were submitted by the facility after its shutdown in April 1999.

- 2002 Title V Renewal (from EPA Files)
- 2005/2006 Stipulated Order Title V Renewal with PSD Modeling Analysis
- 2008 ATC for Restart

Also, the total actual GHG emissions from the facility in 2012 were about 102,000 MT CO₂e per ARB's Mandatory Reporting Rule website, so the facility GHG PTE is above 100,000 MT.

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From: Jeff Adkins <JAdkins@sierraresearch.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 2:23 PM
To: Sims, Mark
Cc: Jeff Adkins
Subject: RE: FOIA Request
Attachments: removed.txt

Hello Mark,

Any update on the FOIA request for Blue Lake Power?

Thanks

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From: Jeff Adkins
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2014 2:06 PM
To: sims.mark@epa.gov
Cc: Jeff Adkins
Subject: FOIA Request

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From: Sims, Mark
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2014 2:28 PM
To: Zhang, Xiao
Subject: BLP FOIA Request Modified
Attachments: removed.txt

Looks like we can remove any documents between EPA and BLP after July 16, 2013.

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Dear Ken and Mark,

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Thanks,
Andrea

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From: Jones, Bernard
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 2:09 PM
To: Salazar, Matt; Sims, Mark
Cc: McDaniel, Doug; Greenberg, Ken; Wampler, David; Rodriguez, Roberto; Kyllonen, Maureen; Miller, Amy; Johnson, Ivry
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Note to Doug, Ken, David and Roberto: Although this FOIA has been assigned to Matt's office, could you also check to see if your office might have any responsive documents as well.

Thank you,

Barney

From: Sylls, Gene
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 12:52 PM
To: Jones, Bernard
Cc: Kyllonen, Maureen
Subject: RE: FOIA Assignment for EPA-R9-2014-004671

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Gene Sylls
415-947-4272

From: Johnson, Ivry
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 1:40 PM
To: Wilder, Ceciley; Cachuela, Liberty
Cc: McKaughan, Colleen
Subject: FW: FOIA Assignment for EPA-R9-2014-004671

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District, for the facility located at 200 Taylor Way in Blue Lake, California. This request covers the above listed materials dated and/or received between January 1, 1999 and March 15, 2014.

Sims, Mark

From: Zhang, Xiao
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 12:32 PM
To: Sims, Mark
Subject: FW: Blue Lake Power, Historical Documents
Attachments: Blue Lake Power ATC 1984.pdf; Blue lake Power Steam Flow Change Correspondence 1987.pdf; Blue Lake Power CO Emissions Correspondence 1991-1997.pdf

From: ndiamond1@gmail.com [mailto:ndiamond1@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Nancy Diamond
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 4:22 PM
To: Lieben, Ivan; Zhang, Xiao
Subject: Blue Lake Power, Historical Documents

Ivan and Xiao,

Yesterday the District received the attached "historical" documents from Blue Lake Power. I believe that District staff is or has forwarded these to their counterparts within EPA, and perhaps BLP sent them to you as well. My apologies if this is a repeat. The documents are:

1. 1984 ATC
2. 1987 emissions correspondence
3. 1987 steam flow change correspondence

Nancy

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Sims, Mark

From: Al Steer <asteer@ncuaqmd.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 9:01 AM
To: Sims, Mark
Subject: Fwd: BLP Title V Permit NOx and CO Limits
Attachments: removed.txt; Blue Lake Power ATC 1984.pdf

Good morning Matt
We want to let you in on the latest from Blue Lake Power.
Jeff is a consultant BLP hired from Sierra Research.

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From: **Jason Davis** <jdavis@ncuaqmd.org>
Date: Tue, Apr 1, 2014 at 4:58 PM
Subject: Fwd: BLP Title V Permit NOx and CO Limits
To: Rick Martin <rmartin@ncuaqmd.org>, Brian Wilson <bwilson@ncuaqmd.org>, Al Steer <asteer@ncuaqmd.org>

FYI

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From: **Jeff Adkins** <JAdkins@sierraresearch.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 1, 2014 at 4:01 PM
Subject: BLP Title V Permit NOx and CO Limits
To: "jdavis@ncuaqmd.org" <jdavis@ncuaqmd.org>
Cc: Jeff Adkins <JAdkins@sierraresearch.com>, "Walter Nystrom (wnystrom@REP-CORP.COM)" <wnystrom@rep-corp.com>

Jason,

Regarding the Title V Permit averaging periods for NOx and CO, here is my understanding of the sequence of permitting events at Blue Lake Power as well as a comparison to the Fairhaven and Scotia Title V permits:

BLP January 12, 1984 ATC (stated not subject to PSD review)

NOx 0.20 lb/MMBtu

CO 0.35 lb/MMBtu

PM 0.045 lb/MMBtu

SOx 0.03 lb/MMBtu

VOC None

BLP December 13, 1985 Revised ATC (reviewed in accordance with 40 CFR 52.21 - PSD)

CO 180 lb/hr (only revision listed in cover letter and attached table; actual permit is not available)

BLP August 10, 1999 Revised Permit to Operate (185 MMBtu/hr boiler capacity)

NOx 0.15 lb/MMBtu (3 hr average)

CO 1.00 lb/MMBtu (3 hr average)

PM 0.04 lb/MMBtu

SOx None

VOC None

Fairhaven January 26, 2010 Title V Permit

NOx 0.16 – 0.23 lb/MMBtu, tiered 24-hour average

CO 1.8 – 4.0 lb/MMBtu, tiered 24-hour average

Scotia May 28, 2003 Title V Permit

NOx 0.20 – 0.26 lb/MMBtu, tiered 24-hour average

CO 1.2 – 3.0 lb/MMBtu, tiered 24-hour average

The August 10, 1999 BLP Title V Permit lists permit revisions to the NOx, CO, and PM limits on 6/13/86, 10/20/87, and 9/24/91. I don't have any of those permit revisions.

BLP would like to have either tiered or 24-hour NOx and CO limits, or both, as do Scotia and Fairhaven.

I have attached the 1984 ATC and the 1985 revised ATC to increase CO above the PSD trigger. As you can see, we do not have the text of the 1985 ATC/PSD permit, just the cover letter and a table.

So, it appears that the 1999 Title V permit will have to act as the PSD permit.

How would you like to proceed?

Jeffrey Adkins



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Respectfully,

Al Steer

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415-947-4272

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Attachments: FOIA - EPA-R9-2014-004671_1.pdf; FOIA - EPA-R9-2014-004671_2a.pdf; FOIA - EPA-R9-2014-004671_2b.pdf

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To: Sims, Mark
Cc: Jones, Joel E.; Johnson, Ivry
Subject: assigning to Mark Sims FW: FOIA Assignment for EPA-R9-2014-004671
Attachments: FOIA Guidelines 2013.doc; EPA-R9-2014-004671.pdf

Hi Mark,

I'm assigning this to you for air enforcement files. Please check in with Tiffani to see what/is she's able to reduce the scope.

Thank you,
Matt

From: Buchanan, Tiffini
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 11:36 AM
To: Salazar, Matt
Subject: FW: FOIA Assignment for EPA-R9-2014-004671

From: Rios, Gerardo
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 2:54 PM
To: Buchanan, Tiffini
Cc: Chen, Eugene; Kelly, Shaheerah; Wilder, Ceciley
Subject: FW: FOIA Assignment for EPA-R9-2014-004671

Hi Tiffini,

I'm assigning this FOIA to you. It's due 4/14/14

From: Wilder, Ceciley
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 2:46 PM
To: Rios, Gerardo
Subject: FW: FOIA Assignment for EPA-R9-2014-004671

We need to supply an assurance of payment letter on this.

Ceciley Elizabeth Wilder
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415-947-4143

From: Johnson, Ivry
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 1:40 PM
To: Wilder, Ceciley; Cachuela, Liberty
Cc: McKaughan, Colleen
Subject: FW: FOIA Assignment for EPA-R9-2014-004671

If costs will exceed \$25.00, send me your cost estimate, so I can send assurance of payment letter & stop the clock.

Please forward to appropriate subject matter expert (SME) and copy FOIA Office for record keeping purposes

From: foia@erulemaking.net [<mailto:foia@erulemaking.net>]

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 1:29 PM

To: Johnson, Ivry

Subject: FOIA Assignment for EPA-R9-2014-004671

You have been assigned to the FOIA request EPA-R9-2014-004671. Additional details for this request are as follows:

- Assigned By: Ivry Johnson
- Request Tracking Number: EPA-R9-2014-004671
- Due Date: 04/14/2014
- Requester: Jeffrey Adkins
- Request Track: Simple
- Short Description: Blue Lake Power Inc, 200 Taylor Way, Blue Lake, CA
- Long Description: Please provide copies of all correspondence, including documents (with attachments), permits, information requests, etc., and including, but not limited to, electronic correspondence (email), between USEPA Region IX and (1) Blue Lake Power Inc. or its predecessors and owners Renewable Energy Providers Inc. and Ultrapower 3, and (2) the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District, for the facility located at 200 Taylor Way in Blue Lake, California. This request covers the above listed materials dated and/or received between January 1, 1999 and March 15, 2014.

Sims, Mark

From: Kelly, Shaheerah
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 12:53 PM
To: Kelly, ThomasP
Cc: GILLEN, CARA; Sims, Mark; Aquitania, Manny
Subject: RE: NorCal Biomass Plants

Tom,

Here are the contacts I have for Sierra Pacific:

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From: Kelly, Shaheerah
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 12:07 PM
To: Kelly, ThomasP
Cc: GILLEN, CARA; Sims, Mark; Aquitania, Manny
Subject: FW: NorCal Biomass Plants

FYI – Below is a helpful link of the biomass plants in CA.

I do not have a contact for Sierra Pacific Quincy but have asked others.

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From: Sims, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 10:26 AM
To: Kelly, Shaheerah; Aquitania, Manny
Subject: NorCal Biomass Plants

Good link!

From: Zabel, Allan
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 10:05 AM
To: Sims, Mark; Salazar, Matt
Subject: RE: A Nice Table Listing NorCal Biomass Plants

Try this link. Looks interesting.

http://ucanr.edu/sites/WoodyBiomass/Woody_Biomass_Utilization_2/California_Biomass_Power_Plants/

Allan Zabel
Chief, Air & Toxics Section II
Office of Regional Counsel
EPA Region 9
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From: Sims, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 9:46 AM
To: Salazar, Matt; Zabel, Allan
Subject: A Nice Table Listing NorCal Biomass Plants

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From: Sims, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 8:58 AM
To: Kelly, Shaheerah; Aquitania, Manny
Subject: Where's Blue Lake Power?

Where's Blue Lake Power? Not on the chart. (Blue Lake, Humboldt County, 10 MW)

From: Kelly, Shaheerah
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 8:53 AM
To: Aquitania, Manny; Sims, Mark
Subject: FW: Do You Know of any Biomass Facilities in the Sierra Foothills of N. California?

Hi.

Do you happen to have a contact for the Sierra Pacific Quincy facility that I can provide to Tom?

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From: Kelly, ThomasP
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 8:45 AM
To: Kelly, Shaheerah
Cc: GILLEN, CARA
Subject: RE: Do You Know of any Biomass Facilities in the Sierra Foothills of N. California?

Do you have a contact name and number for Sierra Pacific in Quincy? If they will take wood waste from others, that is close enough to Plumas National Forest to be cost effective. Thanks.

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From: GILLEN, CARA
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 8:23 AM
To: Kelly, Shaheerah; Kelly, ThomasP
Subject: RE: Do You Know of any Biomass Facilities in the Sierra Foothills of N. California?

This is good to know. Thanks Shaheerah!

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From: Kelly, Shaheerah
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 8:10 AM
To: Kelly, ThomasP; GILLEN, CARA
Subject: RE: Do You Know of any Biomass Facilities in the Sierra Foothills of N. California?

Hi,

Here is a list of biomass plants in northern CA. There are several more in the southern part of the state. FYI, Covanta told me that the its Oroville and Westwood plants are shutting down or have already shut down. I do not know if the shutdowns are temporary or permanent. I do not know the current operational status of the other plants besides that is in the table below. I hope this information is helpful. Feel free to contact me for more info.

Biomass Power Plant	City/Location in California	Nameplate Capacity (MW)
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Fairhaven Power	Samoa	19
Pacific Lumber	Scotia	33
Wheelabrator Shasta Energy	Anderson	58
Sierra Pacific Anderson <i>(currently going through state/federal approval process to expand its capacity)</i>	Anderson	5
Burney Forest Power	Burney, CA	31
Sierra Pacific Burney	Burney	20
Covanta Burney Mountain Power	Burney	11
Covanta Mount Lassen Power <i>(plant is currently shutdown according to Covanta)</i>	Westwood	12
Susanville Biomass Facility	Susanville	14
HL Power	Susanville	36
Collins Pine	Chester	12
Sierra Pacific Quincy	Quincy	27.5
Covanta Pacific Oroville Power <i>(plant is currently shutdown according to Covanta)</i>	Oroville	17
Rio Bravo Rocklin	Lincoln	28
Wadham Energy LP	Williams, CA	29
Woodland Biomass	Woodland	30
Buena Vista Biomass Power <i>(under development)</i>	Rancho Cordova	19
Sierra Pacific Lincoln	Lincoln	19.2
Tracy Biomass Plant	Tracy	21.5
Covanta Pacific UltraPower Chinese Station	Jamestown	20
Sierra Pacific Sonora	Sonora	7.5
Covanta Stanislaus Inc	Crows Landing	23

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From: Kelly, ThomasP
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2013 3:59 PM
To: GILLEN, CARA
Cc: Kelly, Shaheerah
Subject: RE: Do You Know of any Biomass Facilities in the Sierra Foothills of N. California?

Thanks Cara. I'll try the website next week. I should have also mentioned that I have contacted the California Energy Commission to ask if they're aware of biomass facilities nearby. While the person promised to look into it, he's been really slow in responding.

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From: GILLEN, CARA
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2013 3:55 PM
To: Kelly, ThomasP; Kelly, Shaheerah
Subject: RE: Do You Know of any Biomass Facilities in the Sierra Foothills of N. California?

Hi Tom,

That is an interesting question and I'm sure there are probably other biomass facilities somewhat nearby. I do know that there have been changes in the regulations surrounding biomass facilities for burning, so that might have prompted some of them to close. I'm not sure.

I have cc'd Shaheerah Kelly in our Air Division, as she works on biomass facilities and might know more in terms of where the facilities are and if there is a directory. The other source that might have good information is Cal Recycle, the state waste board. For some reason the website is not working for me right now, but you can search for biomass facilities at www.calrecycle.ca.gov

I hope this helps. Please let me know if I can answer any more questions.

Thanks,
Cara

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From: Kelly, ThomasP
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2013 2:52 PM
To: GILLEN, CARA
Subject: Do You Know of any Biomass Facilities in the Sierra Foothills of N. California?

Jean Prijatel suggested I discuss a problem with you. The Plumas National Forest is planning a fuels management project (thinning the forest and creating defensible fire breaks). They would very much like to transport biomass debris to a facility that could burn it for energy recovery. They indicated that a nearby facility, Covanta in Oroville, has closed. The

project is located close to the town of La Porte, California. Do you know of any other facilities they might be able to use? They thought the limit for cost effective transportation was about 50 miles, but I don't know how they came up with that.

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Sims, Mark

From: Lieben, Ivan
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2013 10:55 AM
To: Sims, Mark; Zabel, Allan
Subject: Blue Lake Power LLC

<http://www.ncuaqmd.org/files/permits/Blue%20Lake%20Power.pdf>

http://www.times-standard.com/ci_14990142

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=conewsstory&tkr=1219L:US&sid=awev52g3N8rE>

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